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Part I

(Answer All Questions)

1. Select the correct word or phase to complete the sentence and underline it.
- (a) The young man who retired from household life for the sake of the future Buddha Gautama was.....
- (i) Channa (ii) Nalaka (iii) Kondanna
- (b) Buddha Dhamma is described as "Swakkhato" in the salutation to the Dhamma. "Swakkhato" means
- (i) Well preached (ii) is not delayed in giving results
(iii) to be seen here and now
- (c) At the First Buddhist Council, the Senior monk who answered questions on Vinaya was
- (i) Ven. Upali (ii) Ven. Maha Kassapa (iii) Ven. Ananda
- (d) The new treatise added to Abhidhamma Pitaka at the Third Buddhist Council was
- (i) Petavatthu (ii) Vimanavatthu (iii) Kathavatthu
- (e) The writing down of the Tripitaka in Sri Lanka was done at a Temple called
- (i) Thuparama (ii) Mahavihara (iii) Aluvihara
- (f) 'Durangamam' is a quality of the mind mentioned in a Dhammapada stanza. It means - 'the mind.....'
- (i) Travels very far all by itself (ii) is incorporeal
(iii) is seated in a cave
- (g) Morality of Novices (Samanera Sila) consists of taking the Three Refutes and
- (i) Eight Precepts (ii) Ten Precepts
(iii) 227 rules of the Vinaya
- (h) Before leaving the palace on Renunciation Prince Siddhartha did not take his child in his arms because he thought that
- (i) the child would wake up and cry (ii) he would get late

- (iii) Yasodhara would wake up and prevent him leaving
- (i) Giving blood for the use of a patient is
- (i) Abhaya dana (ii) Amisa dana (iii) Pattidana
- (j) Channa said to Prince Siddhartha “To any one born the only thing that is certain in this world is”
- (i) Poverty (ii) Death (iii) Happiness

(20 marks – 2 marks for each correct answer)

2. Fill in the blanks correctly with suitable words or phrases

- (a) The Brahmins suggested to King Suddhodana’s son the name Siddhartha meaning
- (b) The new Buddhist sect that was formed during the reign of Vattagamini Abhaya in Sri Lanka was known as
- (c) Of the Eight Precepts “Ucca sayana maha sayana veramani” means
- (d) The four unwholesome actions done mainly through the door of Speech are (in Pali or English)
- (e) The collection of long discourses of the Buddha was classified as

(20 marks – 4 marks for each complete answer – may be reduced for incomplete answers)

Part II

(Answer any THREE questions – Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach)

3. What did Kisa Gotami say when she saw Prince Siddhartha passing by?
4. Mention five qualities of the Buddha or the Dhamma.
5. Mention three results of the First Buddhist Council
6. Describe the circumstances for the Buddha to deliver the Mangala Sutta.
7. Mention the three periods during which volitions (cetana) arise in the mind of the person practicing charity (Dana).
8. Give the meaning of the stanza

“Mātā pitu upatthānam – putta dārassa sangaho
Anākulā ca kammantā – etam mangala muttamam”

(20 marks for each answer)

